OCTOBER 3: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PRAIRIELAND DEFENDANTS

We stand in solidarity with the Prairieland Defendants as community members & pursuers of a better world. In supporting them, we do it with love for their humanity, grief for their confinement, & rage for the repression they face. On July 4, 2025, protesters gathered to make a display of noise and fireworks to express solidarity with immigrants & ICE detainees at the kidnapping facility, the Prairieland Detention Center, in Johnson County. In the early morning of July 5, 10 DFW comrades were arrested; since then, the other 7 defendants were arrested as part of a wave of terrifying raids & surveillance. The state's narrative about what happened that night & in the nights that followed is dubious & full of inconsistencies.

This case matters because not only are loved ones & comrades facing horrific conditions in the Johnson County Jail but their incarceration represents a growing pattern of movement repression. As ICE resistance amplifies, met with fascist government takeovers & ICE hiring incentives, solidarity with those stolen from their communities is ever more needed to nourish a culture of care rather than a culture of cruelty.

This case will almost certainly be used to justify sweeping expansion of repression not only of popular movements but all political activity in opposition to Trump & his regime. Authoritarianism can already be felt in everything from the US arming the Gaza genocide to the building of Cop Cities all over the country. ICE Fascism rips away the foundations of communities, spreading fear, distrust, & segregation, & criminalizes dissent. Communities are being destroyed by masked fascists everyday & are in need of support and defense — just like the Prairieland Defendants & everyone deprived of social ties & comforts due to systems of incarceration & displacement.

We stand with the DFW Support Committee as they support the Prairieland defendants, loving them through their separation from the world. We will spread the word of their struggle, help build legal defense so our comrades can see a sky without walls or chains, & promote community events & actions to rebuild community support, which state repression seeks to destroy. Through it all, side by side with our community members & loved ones on the inside, we will build a wall of resistance & resilience against the State's efforts to dismantle our movements.

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